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1. SUMMARY: ENMOD WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED FIRST
READING OF US-SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION JULY 12 WITH
REVIEW OF PROPOSALS MADE ON ARTICLES FIVE THROUGH NINE.
SECOND READING BEGAN WITH U.S. AND SOVIET DELS
ACCEPTING SEVERAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY OTHERS TO
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VARIOUS PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS. END SUMMARY.

2. ENMOD WORKING GROUP COVERED REMAINING ARTICLES OF US-SOVIET DRAFT RAPIDLY JULY 12. CRITICS OF ARTICLE V, REITERATED OPPOSITION TO COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE RELYING HEAVILY ON USE OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL. JAPAN GAVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONCERNING FACT-FINDING BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (PARA 4 REFTEL). SWEDEN AND NETHERLANDS INFORMED GROUP THEY EXPECTED TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE TO ARTICLE V IN NEAR FUTURE BUT DID NOT ELABORATE ON ITS CONTENTS. ITALY REPEATED PROPOSAL THAT CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION PROVISION REFER SPECIFICALLY TO QUESTIONS INVOLVING ARTICLE III (PEACEFUL USES OF ENMOD). ROMANIA SAID SPECIFIC REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD PLAY A ROLE IN ENSURING COMPLIANCE.

3. ON ARTICLE VI, UK REITERATED PROPOSAL THAT AMENDMENTS REQUIRE 10 SPONSORS AND APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS TO PARTIES BEFORE COMING INTO EFFECT. (DELOFF ASKED WHETHER THIS PROCEDURE MEANT THAT AMENDMENTS THUS APPROVED WOULD ENTER INTO FORCE FOR ALL PARTIES OR ONLY PARTIES ACCEPTING THEM; UK DELOFFS "THOUGHT" THE LATTER.) SWEDEN SAID THAT IF ANNEX IS ADDED TO CONVENTION (E.G., CONTAINING LIST OF PROHIBITED EFFECTS CURRENTLY IN ARTICLE II), SEPARATE (I.E., EASIER) AMENDMENTS PROCEDURES SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR HANDLING CHANGES IN ANNEX.

4. ON OTHER ARTICLES, ONLY MAJOR COMMENT WAS SUPPORT BY SEVERAL DELS FOR MAKING UN SECRETARY-GENERAL DEPOSITARY OF CONVENTION, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, UK, AND OTHERS SUPPORTED ADDITION OF PROVISION ON REVIEW CONFERENCES. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON WHETHER SUCH A PROVISION BELONGED UNDER ARTICLE VII (FAVORED BY YUGOSLAVIA), ARTICLE VI (INDIA), ARTICLE VII N (UK), OR AS SEPARATE ARTICLE. UK REITERATED PROPOSAL THAT REVIEW CONFERENCES BE HELD ONLY ON REQUEST OF 50 PERCENT OF PARTIES AND AT INTERVALS OF NO LESS THAN THREE YEARS. UK PROMISED TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON THIS PROPOSAL.

5. AT CONCLUSION OF FIRST READING, LIKHACHEV (USSR) AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARTIN (US) OPENED SECOND READING BY INDICATING ACCEPTABILITY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS OF SEVERAL PROPOSED CHANGES IN PREAMBLE, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, DIVISION OF THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA, AND MODIFICATION OF FOURTH. FULL TEXT OF PREAMBLE AS REVISED, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING JULY 14, FOLLOWS:

"THE STATES PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION,

"GUIDED BY THE INTEREST OF CONSOLIDATING PEACE, AND WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF LIMITING THE ARMS RACE, AND OF BRINGING ABOUT GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, AND OF SAVING MANKIND FROM THE DANGER OF USING NEW MEANS OF WARFARE;

"RECOGNIZING THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVANCES MAY OPEN NEW POSSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

"REALIZING THAT THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES COULD IMPROVE THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF MAN AND NATURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS;

"REALIZING, HOWEVER, THAT MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF SUCH TECHNIQUES COULD HAVE WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECTS HARMFUL TO HUMAN WELFARE;

"DESIRING TO ELIMINATE EFFECTIVELY THE POTENTIAL DANGER TO MANKIND FROM MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES;

"DESIRING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF TRUST AMONG NATIONS AND TO THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS;". DALE

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